

Moscow as a Business Center



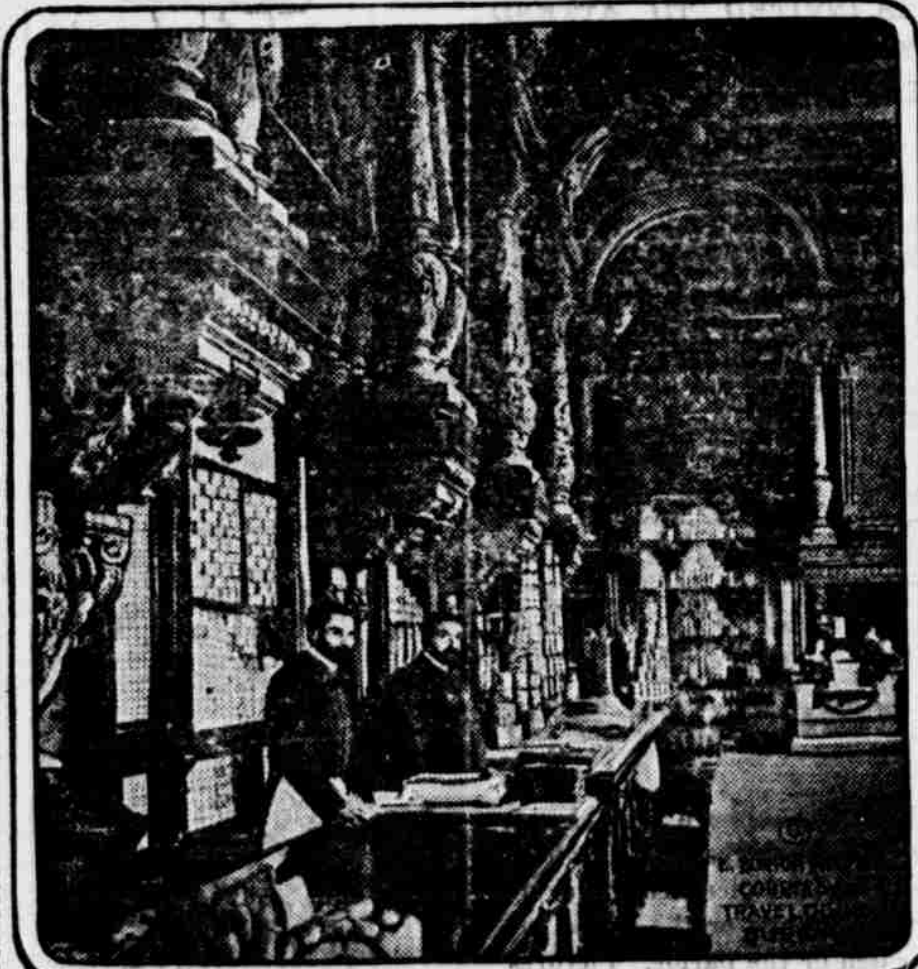
THE SLAVIANSKY BAZAR

CENTRAL Russia, with Moscow, the ancient capital, as its focal point, is at once the richest and the most thickly populated part of the country. This region contains 18 governments, covering an area of 450,000 square miles—less than one-half of the area of the Petrograd district, but with more than twice the population, viz., 45,000,000. As might be expected, says a writer in the magazine, Russia, the large towns are both larger and more numerous than elsewhere in Russia. Moscow had in 1912 a population of 1,617,000. Railway communications are, for Russia, relatively well developed here and to the south.

As a place of business Moscow occupies a unique position. The interests located there control and serve the enormous area of which the city forms literally the geographical center, in all matters of supply and demand for a mainly agricultural country; and it is through the Moscow merchants and agency houses that foreign imports are brought most directly before the consumers. With characteristic enterprise, the Moscow merchants have also organized and may be said to control the Siberian trade. Many of the most successful of her citizens are Siberian born, who find it desirable to live in Moscow to direct the financing and the purchasing end of their business operations.

Manufacturers Are Powerful.
Finally, industrial Russia may be said to center in this city, where the Moscow Manufacturers' association

Center of the Fur Trade.
Moscow is the chief fur center for Russia, and there is a tendency



A GROCERY STORE

alone forms almost a party in the state and exercises a potent influence on the tariff policy of the country. This association is responsible for the Russian textile industries, which center mainly here; the iron and steel industry, and many other manufactures, which are financed with local capital. It was Moscow's initiative, also, that started cotton growing in the Caucasus and central Asia, which now supply a considerable portion of the raw material of the country's cotton trade.

The air of business which pervades this strange but fascinating city is attractive to a Westerner. Business men are more accessible than elsewhere. They seem to have a grip on affairs, and they pursue definite methods in their dealings, which lead to quick decision and execution. These qualities, coupled with a strong local patriotism and self-confidence, form the driving power of Moscow's citizens, which cannot fail to secure for the city an ever-increasing influence in the political and economic development of Russia.

The dissimilarity of the Petrograd

towards a gradual transfer of the business of subsidiary fur markets, like the Irbis and the Nizhni-Novgorod fairs, to Moscow. A movement has been initiated by the fur section of the Moscow chamber of commerce and industry to render the Russian fur industry in future independent of the Leipzig market.

Leipzig has hitherto taken largely the Russian raw furs; has tressed and finished them, and has resold the finished product again to Moscow. In future Moscow purposes to do more of the finishing process herself, and is endeavoring also to get into touch with London, New York, St. Louis and other important fur-producing and fur-importing centers, for the purpose of direct business dealings. Moscow can under normal conditions supply finished furs such as squirrel, squirrel tails, ermine, marten, stone and baum marten, hares, Persian lamb, etc. Russia, as is well known, is a very large buyer of fur goods.

There have been several instances of sleeps lasting 20 years.

Done at Radcliffe.
Daily theme by a Radcliffe student: "Some men are born with an insight into the soul feminine, some men marry and achieve this insight, and some men correct girls' themes and have this insight thrust upon them." Admiring comment by a Harvard student struggling with his own daily: "Gosh! but it takes a girl to write that sort of thing, don't it?"—Christian Herald.

Simplest of Cements.
Condensed milk applied to the edges of pieces of broken china will keep the article as intact as the majority of cements on the market today, says the discoverer. He adds that he has mended snuffers that have withstood washings in hot water, and has mended a telescope lens of fairly large size with this unique cement.

Mr. Hoover is working for only a dollar a year, but he is beginning to earn popular gratitude in large measure.

Father Love.
The love between fathers and sons has never been given the conspicuous place that is given to boys and their mothers. Is that because it is more elusive than mother love?—for it is hardly less profound or beautiful. Sel-dom do hints of this beauty come to the surface in writing. But here is a single sentence from a letter written by Oliver Wendell Holmes, on his eightieth birthday, at the homecoming of his boy—"his honor, Judge Holmes of the supreme court of Massachusetts, just arrived from Europe." "I look up to him as my magistrate, and he knows me as his father, but my arms are around his neck and his mustache is sweeping my cheek—I feel young again at fourscore."—Collier's Weekly.

Some people give a dime to a good cause and then when dollars do not flow back to them think something is wrong with the tide.—Christian Herald.

Routed by Baboons.
An old gentleman met with a peculiar experience at Madeira Hill, Queens-town, South Africa. Reaching the crest of the hill, he was about to settle for a quiet smoke in a sheltered nook when he was startled by a loud bark in close proximity, then by another and another. He had dropped on a big drove of baboons, numbering at least a hundred. Almost on every rock there was one barking defiance at him; a little further off was a big crowd of young ones. He raised his stick to his shoulder as if he was going to shoot, but at this the barking only grew more force and more general. He thereupon decided to give the baboons a "strategical riddle," evacuated the crest, and came down the town side of the hill in an orderly retreat and not too slowly.—Exchange.

The predatory eagle with two heads can be seen under the feathers of the German peace dove.

Beware of Closed Mind.
Beware of the closed mind. This sounds like a paradox when addressed to young men, yet it will, I think, bear examination. It is a truism to say that the danger of maturity, and especially of age, is the closing of the mind to new ideas. Habit, most powerful of influences, hard experience the very passage of the years, all alike tend to stiffen the muscles and to harden the arteries of the mind as they do those of the body. It is a misfortune with which advancing age must struggle, and the effort is severe and too often either neglected or fruitless.—Senator Henry Cabot Lodge.

Hard Position.
Demonstrator (after the spill)—"How can I explain to him that it wasn't the fault of the car while he is quite senseless. After that it will be too late."

Try a Herald Want Ad.

CLOSING OUT SALE

The Entire Stock of the Piatt Mercantile Co, in Angora to be closed out at once. Every item must be sold---Nothing Reserved.

9 - Nine Days of Real Bargains - 9

Don't Miss This Great Money Saving Opportunity. Prices have been made to move the goods.

Sale Opens Sat., Dec., 1

And continues for Nine Days, ending on Tuesday, Dec. 11, if goods last that long

Everything Must Be Sold

We want to turn everything in the store into money without delay—that is the reason for this sale. We did not buy this merchandise to keep, we bought it to sell and we prefer to make a quick turn and a small profit rather than keep the goods longer and make a longer profit.

This is not a scheme to get rid of a lot of old, out-of-date stuff. Practically everything in the store is new and up-to-date, bought during the last few months.

Buy Now For Christmas

The stock includes a nice line of Christmas goods. Buy Now. You will need them soon.

Drugs. Drugs.

This Sale will include the Crouch stock of Drugs and medicines. These are staple with every family. Lay in a supply now and save money.

This sale will be a NINE DAYS WONDER for Angora, the first event of its kind in the history of the town. This sale includes Groceries, some Dry Goods, Underwear, Shirts, Overalls, Sweaters, Holiday Goods, Notions—in fact, everything in the store.

Come early while the stocks are complete. The goods are going to go with a rush when the people discover the chance they have. Lay in your winter's supply. First come, first served.

We want to sell all these goods with one vast immediate sale. We would rather have the money than the goods. Can a better reason be given? No attention whatever will be paid to actual former cost or present high market conditions. Everything must be sold and prices will be made accordingly. Come early. Tell your friends. Don't miss this chance to save money. No time to quote prices. Come and get the goods.

Fixtures For Sale

This sale will be in charge of Mr. H. H. Kuttner. His ability as a sale manager and bargain giver is widely known and his services are constantly in demand. It is not often that he can be secured for so small a town as Angora. Come in and meet him and he will see that you get your share of the bargains.

EVERYTHING WILL BE PRICED ON A SPOT CASH BASIS. THE ONLY OBJECT OF THIS SALE IS TO TURN THE GOODS INTO MONEY—REAL MONEY.

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H. H. KUTTNER, Sale Mgr. Angora, Nebr.